

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**Please add Claim 20.**

1-5 (canceled)

6 (previously presented): A newsprint paper for offset printing comprising a base paper containing a filler or fillers in an amount of more than 15 percent by weight but less than 40 percent by weight as ash relative to the dry weight of the base paper.

7 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 6, which contains calcium carbonate as the filler in amount of more than 15 percent by weight but less than 40 percent by weight as ash relative to the dry weight of the base paper.

8 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 7, wherein the calcium carbonate is precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC) produced by a chemical method.

9 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 6, wherein the filler or fillers have an average grain size of 0.5 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

10 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 7, wherein the filler or fillers have an average grain size of 0.5 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

11 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 6, wherein the filler or fillers have a zeta potential of 0 mV or above.

12 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 7, wherein the filler or fillers have a zeta potential of 0 mV or above.

13 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 6, further comprising a clear coat applied on the base paper.

14 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 6, wherein the base paper contains a deinked pulp at a highest proportion among constituent pulps.

15 (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a newsprint paper for offset printing, comprising:

selecting a filler or fillers having an average grain size of 0.5 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$  and a zeta potential of 0 mV or above;

providing a pulp slurry for making a base paper;

adding the filler or fillers to the pulp slurry in an amount of more than 15 percent by weight but less than 40 percent by weight as ash relative to the dry weight of the base paper; and

subjecting the resultant slurry to a papermaking machine to obtain the base paper.

16 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 15, further comprising applying a clear coat on the base paper.

17 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 15, wherein the selecting step comprises selecting calcium carbonate.

18 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the selecting step comprises selecting precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC) produced by a chemical method.

19 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 15, wherein the pulp slurry contains a deinked pulp at a highest proportion among constituent pulps.

20 (new): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 9, wherein the filler or fillers have a zeta potential of 0 mV or above.